Chairman Young, in support of this resolution that authorizes use of the Capitol Grounds on Saturday, September 8, for activities associated with the National Book Festival. This is a two-day event hosted jointly by the Library of Congress and First Lady Laura Bush.

On Friday, September 7, children in classrooms and libraries across the country will enjoy an interactive reading session with the First Lady at the Library of Congress through satellite communication. On Friday evening, Members of Congress, recognized authors, publishers, and community leaders will gather in the Library's Thomas Jefferson Building for a performance by leading authors and actors bringing to life memorable American stories.

On Saturday, September 8, on the Capitol Grounds, distinguished authors and actors and national celebrities will treat the public to special readings and book signings. Performances by well-known artists, drawing on the Library's collection of American music, will close the event

I support the resolution and urge my colleagues to join me in support of the book festival.

Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of S. Con. Res. 41, and support reading and literacy programs all over this great nation.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the First Lady, Laura Bush and her initiative to get our country reading. Reading is fundamental to the development of the nation's young minds. There is no skill that can be attained like reading. Once you have learned to read, you will never stop.

Mr. Speaker what better place for a festival of books and reading than on the Capitol grounds, the pinnacle of American freedom and what better person to lead the charge than the First Lady of the United States, Mrs. Laura Bush. As a former teacher, no one understands the importance of reading more than Mrs. Laura Bush.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to stand in support of Mrs. Bush and reading by voting for S. Con. Res. 41.

Mr. COSTELLO. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATOURETTE) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate concurrent resolution, S. Con. Res. 41.

The question was taken; and (twothirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the Senate concurrent resolution was concurred in.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

□ 1159

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LATOURETTE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on S. Con. Res. 41 and H.R. 819, the measures just considered by the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SHAW). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Ohio?

There was no objection.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12 of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at noon), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

□ 1300

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker protempore (Mr. FOLEY) at 1 p.m.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2216, 2001 SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 171, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 171

Resolved, That at any time after the adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2216) making supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the fiveminute rule. The amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. Points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived. The amendment printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules may be offered only by a Member designated in the report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole, All points of order against the amendment printed in part B of the report are waived. During consideration of the bill for further amendment, the Chairman of the Committee on the Whole may accord priority in recognition on the basis of whether the Member offering an amendment has caused it to be printed in the portion of the Congressional Record designated for that purpose in clause 8 of rule XVIII. Amendments so printed shall be considered as read. During consideration of the bill, as amended, points of order against amendments for failure to comply with clause 2(e) of rule XXI are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and amendments thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from North Carolina (Mrs. MYRICK) is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. FROST), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

Yesterday the Committee on Rules met and granted an open rule for H.R. 2216. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. It provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations.

The rule provides that an amendment printed in Part A of the Committee on Rules report accompanying the rule shall be considered as adopted. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI, prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in a general appropriations bill.

The rule provides that the bill will be considered for amendment by paragraph. The rule makes in order the amendment printed in part B of the Committee on Rules report, which may be offered only by a Member designated in the report and only at the appropriate point in the reading of the bill, shall be considered as read, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

The rule waives all points of order against the amendment printed in part B of the Committee on Rules report. The rule waives points of order during consideration of the bill against amendments for failure to comply with clause 2(e) of rule XXI, prohibiting nonemergency designated amendments to be offered to an appropriations bill containing an emergency designation.

The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have preprinted their amendments in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. And finally, the rule provides for one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Mr. Speaker, this should not be a controversial rule. It is totally open. Members can offer all of the amendments that they want, as long as the amendments comply with the regular rules of this House.

Meanwhile, the underlying bill provides vital relief to our Nation's Armed Forces and aid to areas that have been devastated by natural disasters; and, unfortunately, we had a lot of that last year.